IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A service providing apparatus for providing a service to a plurality of information processing apparatuses, the service providing apparatus functioning as a shared server on a network, comprising:

storage means for storing a plurality of groups, a list of available content, and content;

reception means for receiving a group request to include a ~~user~~ corresponding one of the plurality of information processing apparatuses in one of the plurality of groups, the group request selecting a respective one of the plurality of groups, and for receiving a content request transmitted from any of the information processing apparatuses belonging to one of the plurality of groups, the content request including a selection from the list of available content;

acquisition means for acquiring data coordinated with the content request; and

communication means for transmitting the data acquired by said acquisition means simultaneously to those of the information processing apparatuses accessing the shared server and belonging to a same group.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The service providing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the data is music data, and the ~~content request includes~~ selection is [[of]] particular music data.

Claim 3 (Previously Presented): The service providing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising transmission means for receiving text data transmitted from any of the information processing apparatuses accessing the shared server and transmitting the text data

to the at least one other information processing apparatus accessing the shared server and

belonging to the same group.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): A service providing method for a service providing

apparatus for providing a service to a plurality of information processing apparatuses

accessing a shared server on a network, comprising:

a storage controlling step of controlling a plurality of groups, a list of available

content, and content;

a reception step of receiving a group request to include a ~~user~~ corresponding one of

the plurality of information processing apparatuses in one of the plurality of groups, the

group request selecting a respective one of the plurality of groups, and for receiving a content

request transmitted from any of the information processing apparatuses belonging to one of

the plurality of groups, the content request including a selection from the list of available

content;

an acquisition step of acquiring data coordinated with the content request; and

a communication step of transmitting the data acquired by the acquisition step

simultaneously to those of the information processing apparatuses accessing the shared server

and belonging to the same group.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): A program storage medium on which a computer-

readable program for providing a service to a plurality of information processing apparatuses

accessing a shared server on a network is stored, the program comprising:

a storage controlling step of controlling a plurality of groups, and content;

a reception step of receiving a group request to include a ~~user~~ corresponding one of

the plurality of information processing apparatuses in one of the plurality of groups, the

group request selecting a respective one of the plurality of groups, and for receiving a content

request transmitted from any of the information processing apparatuses belonging to one of

the plurality of groups, the content request including a selection from the list of available

content;

an acquisition step of acquiring data coordinated with the content request; and

a communication step of transmitting the data acquired by the acquisition step

simultaneously to those of the information processing apparatuses accessing the shared server

and belonging to a same group.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): An information processing apparatus for accessing a

service providing apparatus functioning as a shared server, which provides services on a

network, together with other information processing apparatuses, comprising:

inputting means for inputting access information for accessing the service providing

apparatus to select one of a plurality of groups;

display control means for controlling display of a list of available content contents of

the services transmitted from the service providing apparatus;

requesting means for selecting content a predetermined service from the list of

available content among the services and requesting the service providing apparatus for

transmission of the selected content service to said information processing apparatus

belonging to one of the plurality of groups and the other information processing apparatuses

accessing the shared server belonging to the same group;

reception means for receiving data transmitted from the service providing apparatus to

the information processing apparatuses belonging the same group; and

reproduction means for reproducing the data.

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Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The information processing apparatus according to

claim 6, wherein the <u>list of available content is a table listing available music data</u> <s>services</s>

<s>are table information of the data to be</s> provided from the service providing apparatus, and the

data is <u>particular</u> music data <u>corresponding to the selected content</u>.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): An information processing method for an information

processing apparatus for accessing a service providing apparatus functioning as a shared

server, which provides services on a network, together with other information processing

apparatuses, comprising:

an inputting step of inputting access information for accessing the service providing

apparatus to select one of a plurality of groups;

a display controlling step of controlling display of <u>a list of available content</u> <s>contents</s>

<s>of the services</s> transmitted from the service providing apparatus;

a requesting step of selecting <u>content</u> <s>a predetermined service</s> from <u>the list of</u>

<u>available content</u> <s>among the services</s> and requesting the service providing apparatus for

transmission of the selected <u>content</u> <s>service</s> to said information processing apparatus

belonging to one of the plurality of groups and the other information processing apparatuses

accessing the shared server belonging to the same group;

a reception step of receiving data transmitted from the service providing apparatus to

the information processing apparatuses belonging to the same group; and

a reproduction step of reproducing the data.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): A program storage medium on which a computer-

readable program for causing an information processing apparatus to access a service

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providing apparatus functioning as a shared server, which provides services on a network,

together with other information processing apparatuses, the program comprising:

an inputting step of inputting access information for accessing the service providing

apparatus to select one of a plurality of groups;

a display controlling step of controlling display of <u>a list of available content</u> ~~contents~~

~~of the services~~ transmitted from the service providing apparatus;

a requesting step of selecting <u>content</u> ~~a predetermined service~~ from <u>the list of</u>

<u>available content</u> ~~among the services~~ and requesting the service providing apparatus for

transmission of the selected <u>content</u> ~~service~~ to said information processing apparatus

belonging to one of the plurality of groups and the other information processing apparatuses

accessing the shared server belonging to the same group;

a reception step of receiving data transmitted from the service providing apparatus to

the information processing apparatus belonging to the same group; and

a reproduction step of reproducing the data.